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Sir:

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discusses the relevance of the references cited herein. U.S. Patent No. 3,147,882 has been identified as a United States equivalent to French Reference No. 1,333,636 cited in the European Search Report.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), no fee is believed to be due for the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement, as it is being submitted before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Nevertheless, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. One (1) original and two (2) copies of this Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed.

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